

COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Piestany Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 22 to 23 June 1952

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 17 September 1952

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - one sketch on ditto

REMARKS

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1. About 6 p.m. on 22 June and noon on 23 June 1952, [REDACTED] the southern boundary of Piestany (P 49/T 44) airfield was formed by an apparently well maintained asphalt road, which runs below the railroad line extending to the west of the field. The northern perimeter of Piestany was just south of the road mentioned. The southern portion of the field had a width of about 1,000 meters; to the north where the installation was bordered by a macadam road, it narrowed to a width of 600 to 700 meters. The eastern boundary of the field was formed by a row of trees. Individual groups of trees extended into the field itself which was completely level and had a grass cover. The installation was provided with three runways and taxiways, which definitely had no concrete surfaces. [REDACTED] was able to make a sketch of the installations at the airfield. [REDACTED] *

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2. No flying was observed at the installation. Only soldiers in work clothes were seen near the hangars. Aircraft seen at the field included: 1 twin-engine, low-wing monoplane fitted with radial engines and single-rudder assembly, painted silver-grey and similar in appearance to a DC-3; 2 three-engine, low-wing monoplanes apparently fitted with radial engines, painted olive drab, and similar in appearance to Ju-52s; about 50 aircraft, mostly single-engine, low-wing monoplanes fitted with in-line engines, three-bladed propellers, long cabins, slim fuselages, and single tail assemblies, painted olive drab; 5 to 7 small planes similar to aircraft of the Sokol and Zllyn types, painted olive drab, and parked to the north of the aircraft dispersal area. One passenger car fitted with a rod antenna and one van-like truck with two or three antenna masts about 5 meters high were also seen north of the aircraft dispersal area. **

* [REDACTED] Comment. For layout sketch of the airfield, see Annex 1.

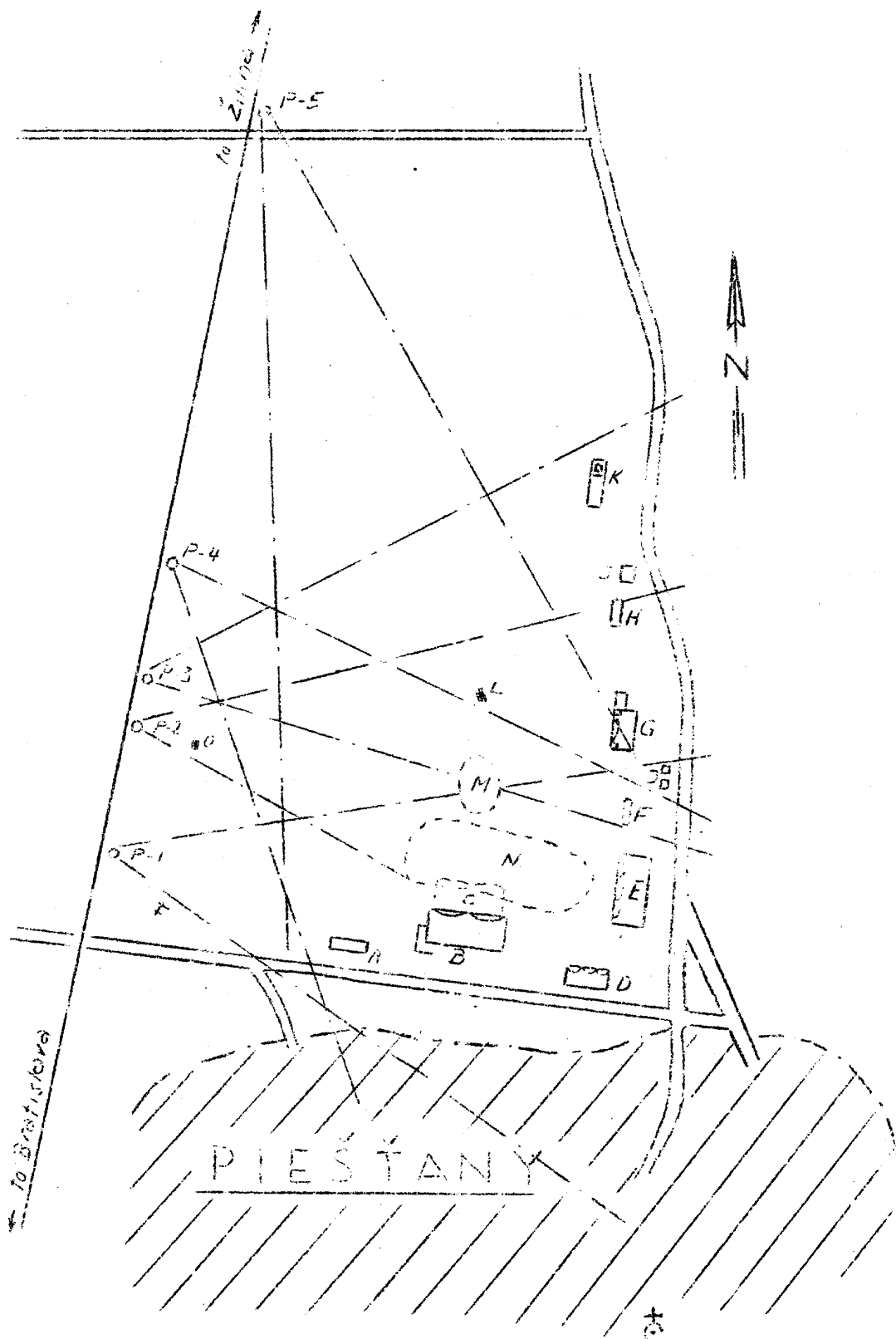
** [REDACTED] Comment. Most of the aircraft stationed there seem to be single seater fighters, possibly IL-2s. A sketch made [REDACTED] but not forwarded shows a machine gun projecting to the rear from the long cabin roof of the craft. This would indicate that the planes seen were probably IL-2s. The delivery of sizable numbers of this type of plane from the U.S.S.R. to satellite air forces appears probable. It also appears probable that Piestany airfield was occupied by a fighter or ground attack unit of the Czechoslovakian Air Force.

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Layout of Piestany Airfield



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Annex I to

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- A Prefabricated wooden building, 60 x 10 meters, presumably air force quarters.
- B Large hangar, brick structure, 120 x 40 x 13 meters, small annex at its south-western corner.
- C Presumably a concrete apron.
- D Small hangar, apparently a brick structure 70 x 20 x 10 meters, three doors and a flat roof.
- E Large hangar, brick structure with vaulted roof, 100 x 40 x 12 meters.
- F Low temporary building, presumably quarters, 60 x 10 meters.
- G Small hangar, apparently a brick structure with flat roof and one door, about 50 x 30 x 12 meters, small annex to the north.
- H Low temporary building, presumably quarters, about 60 x 10 meters.
- I Small square brick building, possibly an administrative building.
- J Two small single-story buildings.
- K Long single-story brick building, about 80 x 10 meters, with a small tower about 10 x 10 x 4 meters in the northern section of the building. The tower had an antenna mast and a wind cone.
- L Two vehicles fitted with rod antennas.
- M Group of about 10 planes.
- N Aircraft dispersal area with an estimated 50 planes.
- O Broken motor vehicles.

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